



RHODES newsletter

OLD RHODIAN UNION

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ELECTRONIC MAIL ACCESSED WORLDWIDE

The Rhodes computer network is now linked into the electronic mail (e-mail) networks of the academic world. This is a major expansion of a facility that until now has had its horizons limited to the universities in the PWV area.

Rhodes staff and students can now send and receive e-mail from Universities and research institutions in the USA, Canada, Britain, Europe, Middle East, Australasia, South America, ie virtually every major and minor e-mail network. These networks include the DARPA Internet, Bitnet, Earn, Janet and NetNorth, to mention but a few.

E-mail can be created on a computer terminal, or on a PC with a suitable word processing program (eg PCWrite). A simple process causes the e-mail to be sent out via the network.

Received e-mail is about as simple. It can be received into a user's PC. The Computing Centre is putting effort into simplifying this process still further.

E-mail has been available internally on the mainframe computers since the mid-1970s. On 18 January 1988, the Cybers and the Physics Vax were linked. These three computers joined the network of IBM computers in the PWV area on February 25 of that year, the link being done with the close co-operation of the University of Potchefstroom. Rhodes is still the only non-IBM site that is in this network. Links to UCT and Zimbabwe are currently being set up.

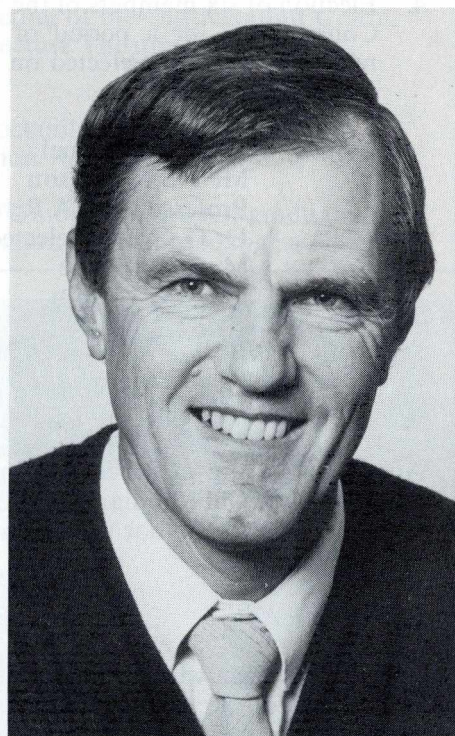
The Rhodes network, known as RHODENT, was registered with the main network controlling body (SRI-NIC) on September 16, 1988. International test messages were being interchanged by the 30th. Work commenced on the advanced design of the link to the international networks in October. The first e-mail that was sent from the Rhodes Cyber was on February 2 this year, and the system was made available for general use on the 14th.

After four months of operation, more than 700 messages per month are being interchanged on the international link. The average cost of a message is well under R2,00 (versus R8,00 for one page of fax), and this price will be cut by a factor of four in the near future.

There are many reasons to use this facility. Academics on sabbatical leave can maintain contact with their Rhodes colleagues. Establishing contacts with workers in similar disciplines is much easier than for many other methods. Contacts with co-workers overseas are readily maintained - a common use is the preparation of joint publications. Further, many topical studies (eg the passage of Halley's comet) are discussed on the e-mail networks as information comes to hand, and this is at the cutting edge of the world's knowledge. By the time the information is published in the magazines and journals, it is out of date. Researchers who are not on the networks simply lose out.

Using e-mail is easy. All that is needed is to become a registered user of either of the Cybers, or of the Physics Vax. This automatically gives the user an e-mailbox which is accessible world-wide, and permits the user to send e-mail into the networks. Use is restricted (by law) to messages relating to users' functions within Rhodes University, and users may not send or distribute messages that are unrelated to this. For example, personal messages or messages on behalf of someone else are not permitted.

Plans are currently in hand to have Rhodes act as the gateway for all of the research e-mail that leaves the RSA. This is being done in close co-ordination with the Foundation for Research Development's committee for a research network. The Director of Computing Services, Mr Mike Lawrie, serves on this committee and was on the original CUP committee that laid the foundations for this network.



Mr Mike Lawrie, Director of Computing Services

Much of the programming effort has been done by Francois Jacot-Guillarmod, Dave Wilson and Ian Dore, all of the Computing Centre.

Rhodes University owes a great deal of thanks to its contacts at various sites in the USA for assistance with this exercise. Several key people have played important roles, and their friendship, understanding and co-operation is greatly appreciated. The problems of establishing this link-up may well have been insurmountable without the personal contacts set up by Rhodes academic staff while on overseas trips. It has been the most challenging exercise that the Computing Centre has yet undertaken.

RHODES UNIVERSITY

Convocation Annual Meeting 1989

NOTICE

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held in the Arts Major Lecture Room on Tuesday, September 12, 1989, at 17h30.

AGENDA

1. Notice of meeting.
2. Minutes of Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting held on August 18, 1988 (distributed with the December 1988 Newsletter).
3. The Vice-Chancellor's Report.
4. Election of six members of the Executive Committee, in terms of the Constitution, for a period of two years, to replace the following members who were elected on August 20, 1987 and whose terms of office are expiring:

Dr H C Hummel
Mr P B N Jackson
Professor D E A Rivett
Dr G Gruber (elected August 1988 for balance of period)
Mr R G Wynne
Mr M C V Ginn

5. Plans for election of members to Council in 1990.
6. Any other business.

After the meeting members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union. This will be followed by a Cheese and Wine party in the Senior Common Room.

K S HUNT
SECRETARY

June 5, 1989

Note: Only those who are graduates of Rhodes University and Rhodes University College, and members of staff, in terms of the Rhodes University Act, may vote at the Annual Meeting. Members of the Old Rhodian Union who are not graduates are welcome to attend as observers.

BURSARY APPEAL REPORTBACK

Our last Appeal for Bursary Funds has had a relatively good response. 126 Old Rhodians contributed just over R11 000, varying in sums from R5 to R250, with one large donation by a Cape Town donor of the princely sum of R2 000.

This year, the Committee increased the three Jubilee Bursaries to R1 200. Eleven awards of R600 and five awards of R400 were made. The total value of bursaries awarded being R12 200. This compares to a total award of R2 200 in 1984.

Statistically seen our appeal has brought a response from 0,7 percent of

all known Old Rhodians and represents an annual donation of just on 60c per Old Rhodian, equivalent to half a beer!

Please feel free to donate whatever you can afford. Remember we will issue Tax Certificates for Donations in excess of R20, thus your donation is deductible from your taxable income, reducing your real donation in money and increasing Barend's contribution by the fraction of your marginal interest rate. Just send your cheques to the **Honorary Secretary, Old Rhodian Union, P O Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140**

OLD RHODIAN REUNIONS

BLOEMFONTEIN

Thursday 7 September 7.00 for 7.30pm
at 121 Dan Pienaar Drive
Contact : Mrs Marge Mahaffey :
Telephone 311812

CAPE TOWN

Friday 15 September - WPCC Impala Room at 6.30pm
Contact : Mrs Kitty Cruise :
Telephone 7945978

DURBAN

Friday 8 September
Contact : Mr Styx O'Donovan :
Telephone 3040722 (W) 821592 (H)

GRAHAMSTOWN

Tuesday 12 September - AGM in Arts Major at 6.00pm
followed by a 'cheese and wine' in the Senior Common Room
Contact : Dr Georg Gruber :
Telephone 22023 ext 456

JOHANNESBURG

Friday 8 September - The Wanderers at 6.30pm
Contact : Mrs Shelley Sher :
Telephone 7885543

KIMBERLEY

Wednesday 6 September - The Kimberley Club at 7.00pm
Contact : Mr Richard Snyder :
Telephone 31791

Pietermaritzburg

Thursday 7 September
Contact : Mr Pennefather :
Telephone 53322

Port Elizabeth

Thursday 14 September - Walmer Country Club at 7.00pm
Contact : Mr Rob Henson :
Telephone : 4032218

UNITED KINGDOM

Saturday 9 September - a lunchtime braaivleis at Rex and Elizabeth Davis's home in Dorking.
Contact : Mr Murray Graham :
address - 27 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3HX, England.

ORU Festival Plans

The Old Rhodian Union plans to hold two cocktail parties in the Rhodes Club over the Festival period for Old Rhodians visiting Grahamstown. Notices giving dates and times will be displayed in residences.

Vice-Principal visits London

Dr Roux van der Merwe attended the Old Rhodian reunion at the George and Dragon in East Central London, organized by Jane Dickson and Murray Graham. Over 60 enthusiastic Old Rhodians attended, and after much conviviality and an excellent meal, the group was addressed by the Vice-Principal on the current Rhodes scene, and some of the challenges facing the University.

Old Rhodians moving to, or visiting the United Kingdom are reminded that their contact person in England is Murray Graham. Murray's address is as follows:
27 Dormers Wells Lane
Southall
Middlesex
UBI 3HX
England
His telephone number is (London) 574197

JOINT GATHERING OF CONVOCATION AND OLD RHODIAN UNION

Members of Convocation and of the Old Rhodian Union will gather for a series of events on Founder's Day, September 12, 1989.

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| 15h30 | Tea, followed by a tour of the campus.
<i>Venue:</i> Senior Common Room.
Those wishing to attend should hand their names to the Secretary, Public Relations Division. |
| 17h00 | Founder's Day Wreath-laying ceremony.
<i>Venue:</i> War Memorial, Great Hall. |
| 17h30 | Convocation Annual Meeting.
<i>Venue:</i> Arts Major Lecture Theatre. |
| 18h00
(following
Convocation) | Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union.
<i>Venue:</i> Arts Major Lecture Theatre. |
| 18h30 | Cheese and Wine Cocktail Party.
<i>Venue:</i> Senior Common Room. |

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Zoology Dept's 1964 Easter course in Port Alfred

Front Row: Wally Green, Tony Roberts, Colin Anderson

2nd Row: Joe MacDaniel, Sparky Roeleveld, Barry Blair, Gavin Brownlee, Richard Busse, Jean Kaltenrieder

3rd Row: Jean Garrat, Rosemary Lavin, John Munshull

4th Row: Jean Hutton, Dave Keetch, Doc van Hille, Dedré Macrae, June Moodie, Prof Brian Allanson, Burk Hill

Back Row: Jean Griffith, Keith Solomon, Dave Blaker, Harry Thackwray

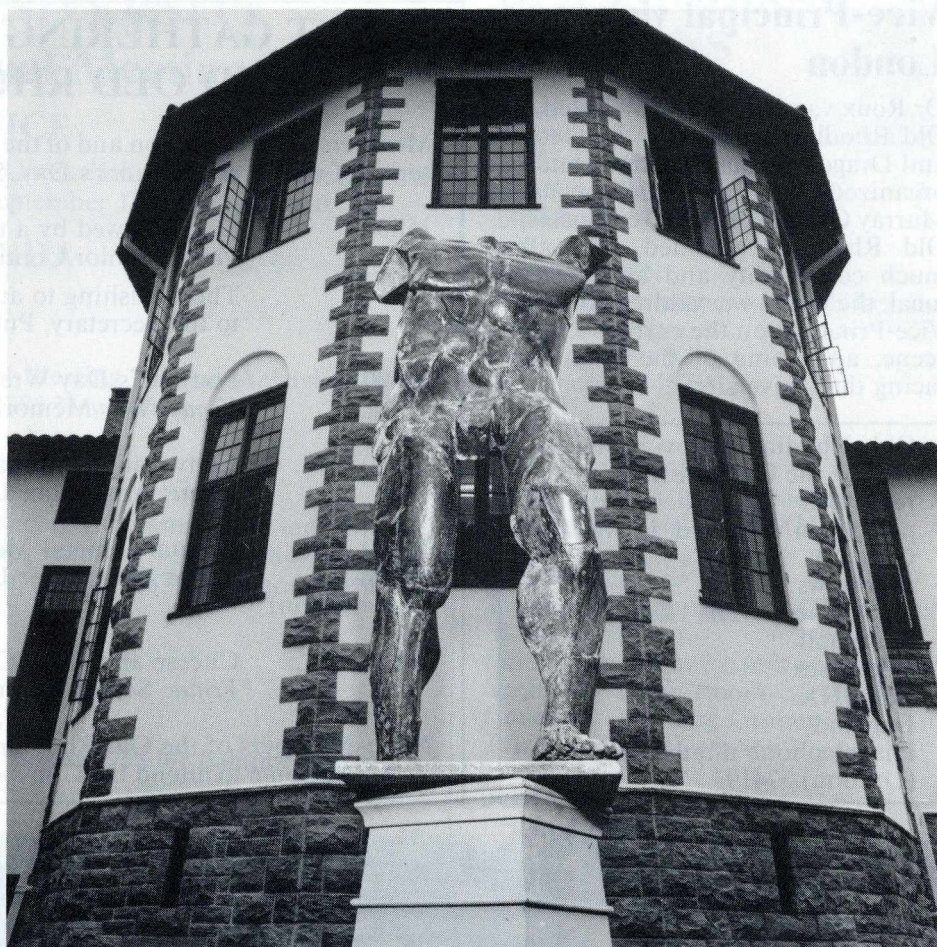
SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Artists in the Eastern Cape are hard at work preparing their entries for the sculpture competition organized by the Department of Fine Art at Rhodes. The winning sculpture will be erected in Quad 2 and the University will bear the cost of transporting and mounting the work.

First prize in the competition is R1 000, with R500 as second prize and R250 as third prize.

Closing date for the competition is August 26, 1989, and artists should submit their maquettes to the Department of Fine Art by that date. The final work must be envisaged to be of durable material like bronze or stone, and competitors should, if possible, make their maquettes in the same material as the real thing. The maquette should be not less than one tenth of the final work and must be accompanied by a brief description of the intended construction and cost of the final work.

Further details, including plans and photographs of the site, can be obtained from Professor Robert Brooks, Head of the Department of Fine Art.



A metal sculpture by Professor J A Nell, presented as a mock-up to publicize the sculpture competition.

Old friendships

Since the short article about him appeared in the December issue of the Old Rhodian Newsletter, Dr John Powell (staff 1948) writes from Guelph, Ontario, Canada, that he has renewed several old friendships as a result.

He was delighted to receive a letter from his old friend, Dr A E Shields, who was a Registrar at Rhodes. Dr Shields left Rhodes to set up the Registrar's system for the University of Sussex. From Sussex, Dr Shields took up a post as Registrar at an Australian university, and lived in Adelaide until his retirement. He now lives in East Sussex, England.

Other ORs with whom Dr Powell comes into contact include Dr Keith Solomon (1962) who has a very important position in the Toxicology Centre at the University of Guelph, and Professor James White (1955) who is in the Department of Sociology at the same university.

Dr Powell also received a very welcome letter from one of his old students, Adrian Driver (1954), who is currently writing a book on the activity of the brain.

JAN SMUTS REUNION

The 1959 Jan Smuts Reunion will take place from 1 to 3 December this year. We have already had numerous enquiries from past students who are keen to attend.

If you would like to join in the nostalgia and renew old acquaintances, some of whom you may not have seen in 30 years, please telephone Mrs Eve Mackay, Conference Liaison Officer, on (0461) 22023 extension 138 to give her your name and address. The deadline is October 30.

We do not have current addresses for the following Old Rhodians who featured in the 1959 photograph:

Mr I Alval-Wright
Mr A C Cridland
Mr B Davies
Mr P Densem
Mr Elliott-Murray
Mr D Hyman
Mr H J Kalmin
Mr G Knott
Mr H Kock
Mr K Koen
Mr J Konvisser
Mr M Kosloff
Mr P Lockley
Mr P MacCreadie
Mr D E McBarnett

Mr D McDonald
Mr W J Peacock
Mr J P Penn
Mr G Puttergill
Mr A W H Robinson
Mr A Rudd
Mr F J Scheel
Mr G Sher
Mr F Shearer
Mr A Somerville
Mr C Trangmar
Mr N Trevor
Mr M Wade
Mr L Wesson
Mr J Wisnewitz

If anyone could assist us with updated addresses we could notify them of the forthcoming Reunion!

COLLEGE HOUSE TURNS 75 YRS OLD

The College House celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

Designed by Sir Herbert Baker and Kendall, it was the first residence to be built and occupied at Rhodes University (then known as Rhodes University College), in 1914.

In those early days, only 40 students could be accommodated. Today The College House accommodates 52 students. The actual building has undergone a few changes since 1914. The old central stairwell has been replaced by a passageway leading out into the back quadrangle on the ground floor and by ablution blocks on the first and second floors. At the end of 1985, the open corridors on the first and second floors were walled in, ending some of the interactions which used to occur between those upstairs and the unsuspecting

downstairs! Meals were taken in what is now the games room – until 1920 when The Founder's Hall opened its doors.

Of interest, too, are these details of the many students who have occupied rooms in College House for one or more years since 1914, taken from the history of the house:

1914: "The advent of war has had a very marked effect upon our feelings here at College. Several students – Messrs. Macdonald, Rider, Van Zyl, Wrensch and Lieutenants Norris and Watson have volunteered for active service."

1917: "At this stage, the house has 27 members, due to more men volunteering for active service."

1919: The terrible 'flu epidemic claimed the lives of two College men – A K Dugmore (Head Student) and A C

Van Gorkum, a first-year medical student.

1929: By now a few more residences had been built and College House became known as "the first-year's paradise" because every year more than half the occupants of the house were first-years.

Two of the more recent achievements of College House have been to win the Rhodes Rag Trophy three times in a row (from 1986 to 1988) and to be finalists and runners-up in the Inter-residence rugby competition (1987 and 1988).

I appeal to past residents of College House to send us memorabilia, letters, pictures and recollections of their times at the house for our house records in this our 75th anniversary year.



College House in 1920



Harry Thackwray, a technician in Zoology from 1959 - 1966, sent this 1962 photograph of the Grahamstown Scottish country dancers:

Front Row: Pierre Lombard (St Andrew's), High Morton (St Andrew's)

2nd Row: Harry Thackwray (Rhodes), Jean Pringle (Rhodes), Ann Leavey (Rhodes), Pat Sumner (Rhodes)

3rd Row: Jenny Bithrey (Rhodes), Carol Carmichael (TC), Jennifer Carmichael (TC), Tammy Jones (Rhodes), Pat Silverthorne (Rhodes), Mrs Rita Carmichael (Town), Mr Alec Carmichael (Town).

Last Row: Frank Hanford (Rhodes), Chris Terry (Rhodes), Mike Faul (Rhodes), John Lightfoot (Rhodes)

THAT WAS SOME BREW!

In response to our request for stories about how rules at Rhodes have changed over the years, Margie Vosloo (Jones 1955), sent us this delightful anecdote from Kei Mouth:

"NO ALCOHOL TO BE BROUGHT ON TO THE PREMISES" is the residence rule that tickles me most, in the light of the numerous 'cheese and wine' parties my daughter enjoyed during her Rhodes career a few years ago.

The reason I particularly remember this rule (apart from the excellent 'apprenticeship' both mother

and daughter served in St Mary's Hall) is the episode of the Pineapple Beer.

After a short vac spent with a family on a pineapple farm in the district, I returned to res well stocked with goodies, including a chocolate cake, a promising embryo insect collection for Professor Omer-Cooper, and six bottles of homemade pineapple beer. Now, as all devotees of school recipe books will endorse, one can prepare the most refreshing cool-drinks from a glut of lemons, oranges or, as in this case, pineapples and, despite their name, they are totally devoid of alcohol.

Well...were may be more accurate!

The six precious bottles were salted away on a ledge above the wardrobe for later K - P's (coffee parties), and forgotten about in the rush of the new term's activities. Forgotten until the night I was woken by a loud BANG, followed by five more explosions as corks shot out of the bottles and ricocheted off the ceiling.

My innocent 'brew' had got quietly brewing in earnest and - did we have a party!

"The question is this: did we break that rule? No alcohol was brought on to residence premises, but by the time it was eventually enjoyed, it was some brew!"

ORU bursary awards

At a committee meeting of the Old Rhodian Union held in Grahamstown in February, 1989, 42 applications for bursaries were considered. After discussions, 19 bursaries and two prizes were awarded to students at the University as follows:

Golden Jubilee Bursary: Anthony Davies; Silver Jubilee Bursary: Brigid Collins; Diamond Jubilee Bursary: Grant Conradie; Doc and Mama Gruber Bursary: Natalie Donkin.

Further bursary awards were made to Elspeth Baines, Andrea Bryce, Margaret Dobson, Derrick Killian, Catherine Logie, Lesley McKean, Debbie Roux, Belinda Somerville, Ian Turner, Judith Bowen-Williams, Judith Barnard, Fiona Bowden, Sarah Buchner, Timothy Downing and Julia van Eden.

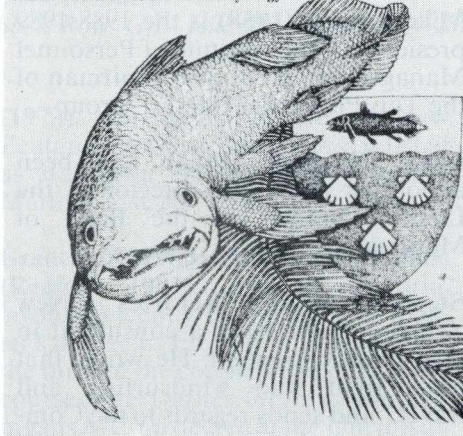
The Lillian Britten Prize was awarded to Kim Boucher and the WF Barker Prize was awarded to Margaret Bode.

A party at which members of the Old Rhodian Union were able to meet the bursary holders was held at the home of Dr Eily Gledhill in April.



At a party at the home of Dr Eily Gledhill for Old Rhodian committee members to meet bursary holders were, from left, Miss Lesley McKean, Miss Sarah Buchner, Dr Georg Gruber (treasurer), Miss Cathy Logie and Miss Debbie Roux.

J.L.B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology



Stamps commemorating the discovery of the Coelacanth



Died on active service

The Public Relations Division is looking for photographs of Old Rhodians who died on active service.

If any of our readers still have any photographs of the people listed here and are willing to part with them, please contact the Director of Public Relations, Rhodes University, Grahamstown: First World War: Leonard Leopold Burchell, Frederick Lewis Archibald Eaton, Charles Reginald Winton Fraser, Eden Lashley Hall, John Carolin Hayes, Douglass Edward Logie, Eric Balfour Lundie, John De Caux Balleine Payn, Jan Stephanus Vorster Rabie, Andries Lars Stockenstrom.

Second World War: Eric Sydney Cogan, John Gerald McMenamin, Robert Allan Page, Alan John Scott, Gerald Percy Shaw, Paul Vernon de Villiers Vickers.

1975: Anthony John Carr.

1978: Peter George Bouwer.

Wanted

Calling all past SRC members. The Old Rhodian Union is looking for photographs of past SRCs to fill in the gaps in the pictorial record in the Rob Antonissen Room.

Photographs of committee members for the years 1925, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1958 are missing from the collection. Please have a look through your memorabilia and if you find anything suitable, send it to Dr Georg Gruber, Department of Physics and Electronics, Rhodes University.

Cape tour for Choir

The Rhodes Chamber Choir will tour Cape Town and the western Cape during 1 to 11 September. Watch your local press for further details.

Old Rhodians are reminded that address lists of ORs living in particular areas are sent to individuals in good faith, to enable them to contact old friends, organize reunions etc. We strongly urge you to bear in mind that it is totally against university policy for these lists to be used for commercial purposes.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

Alison Allen (1961) has worked as Social Work Supervisor for the Association for the Physically Disabled (Western Cape) since 1982. Prior to that she served on the Eastern Cape Regional Welfare Board and worked with the Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association.

Margaret Allen (Orsmond 1970) is now living in Melbourne, Australia, where she works as a clinical psychologist at a family counselling centre.

Else Alma (Wegelin 1956) is the librarian of the only public Netherlands library in South Africa, called the Boekerij of the Algemeen Nederlands Verbond, in Cape Town. This library has been in existence for 76 years and has a collection of 20 000 books. Else is married, with three daughters.

Margaret Anderson (van der Water 1968) lives in New Zealand where she and her husband specialize in surgery in Auckland.

Antony Arkin (1969) has been appointed Vice-Rector of the M L Sultan Technikon, in Durban. Professor Arkin has become a leading authority on the economic role of the Indian community in South Africa and his study of The Contribution of the Indians to the South African Economy is recognized as the major text in this field. He is also the editor of the academic journal, Economic Outlook. In 1988, Professor Arkin went to Israel on study leave where he undertook research on the economic integration of South African immigrants into Israeli society.

Gerald Awre (1946) and his family have moved to Bath, in Avon, after 12 years in Wiltshire. Gerald now hopes to meet up with more ORs. Having spent 35 years as a civil engineer, specializing in irrigation consultancy, he is now embarking on a "second career" as a teacher in Adult Basic Education.

Desmond Bailey (1979) married **Nicole Jacques (1979)** in November last year. The wedding had a distinct Old Rhodian flavour! Their best man was **Brian Hunter (1980)** and the Matron-of-Honour was **Ysabelle Perkins (Bloomfield 1979)**. The Master-of-Ceremonies was **Dan Vosloo (1957)**.

Keeping track of Old Rhodians is one of our priorities, as we strive to keep our records as up-to-date as possible. To help us do this, it would be much appreciated if you would enclose your last address label when notifying us of a change of address, if possible, as the label contains computer information which makes the alteration to the name and address easier. If you can't supply a label, don't worry - send us your new address anyway - we need to keep in touch!

Desmond works in retail pharmacy in Gweru, Zimbabwe. **Brian Hunter** works for a large motor manufacturer in Johannesburg and **Ysabelle** is head of the department of Mathematics at Fletcher High School, Gweru. **Dan Vosloo** is the senior partner in a legal firm in Gweru.

Reg Barichiev (1971) was appointed group marketing executive of Coreprop at the end of last year.

Bruce Berry (1981) married Rhoda Clark earlier this year. He is the development planner for Venda at the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Judy Bishop (Mullins 1969) has returned to the University of Southampton where she has taken up a readership in Computer Science, after 11 years at Wits University, where she rose to the position of ad hominem Professor. She has two young sons.

Deborah Blair-Hook (1983) is a software support and training consultant for a computer firm in Cape Town.

Jonathan Blom (1980) recently started the charismatic New Horizon Ministries in Roodepoort which is a non-denominational, non-racial church based on the scriptures. He is a committed Christian from a traditional Presbyterian background who feels that some people have different spiritual needs which are not being filled by traditional churches. John, who has a full-time career job and does most of his ministry work after hours, is studying for a further degree in theology on a part-time basis.

Hanno Bossau (1981) married **Carolyn Justin-Smith (1984)** in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe in April and they are now living in Windhoek.

Moira Brennan (1983) works at a research station in Zimbabwe where she researches the control of cotton pests. She writes that she thoroughly enjoys her job.

Jean Buchanan (1982) spent last year in Australia and the United States. She is now teaching Physical Education at St Andrew's Girls' School in Johannesburg.

Mike Burgess (1958) is the 1988/1989 president of the Institute of Personnel Management. He is also chairman of the Top Personnel Interest Group.

Mike Chapman (1963) has been appointed managing director of the London branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Stephen Conway (1981) lives in New Zealand where he is a consultant in systems development. He writes that he's "right into windsurfing and travel," and sends regards to the Computer Science Honours class of 1984 and AIESEC, Rhodes, which, he says is the best AIESEC committee he has had the pleasure of working with.

Michael Crowe lives in the Cape where he is an advocate in practice at the Cape Bar. His wife, **Abigail (Bagrain 1977)** is pursuing her fine art career and is planning a second exhibition at The Gallery International in Cape Town.

Mrs P N Curtis (1946) lives on a plot in Randburg, which, she writes, "used to be a rural area 20 years ago - now we're surrounded by civilization."

Brian Dollery (1971) lectures in economics at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351, Australia. Brian is interested in establishing the whereabouts of **Geoff Fisher**



Were you a resident of Milner House in 1948? If so, you will no doubt recognize many familiar faces. The photograph was sent to us by Mrs Lesley Butler, from Johannesburg, the daughter of the late George Munro. She found several group photographs of Rhodes students when sorting through her father's possessions after his death. As the writing on the reverse of the photograph has faded with time, and is difficult to read, please forgive us if some of the names are not correctly recorded here:-

Front Row (from left): J M Pennington, B N Rowles, Miss Glass, O P Kelly, Dr S W Watson, Miss Kitto, D S Dakers, D J Thornton.

Second Row: D F Hanson, A L Pons, W Frost, D D A Brownlaw, D M Rainier, A J da S C Barbosa, P B Kenman, J J Goldberg, J M van den Heever, R G Davies, O P Whitfield.

Third Row: F S Allison, R Pearson, F H Pettipher, D Riley, D S Horwitz, B Lind, M T Friend, T B Berndt, P M Vermaak, T J Barnard, D N Schonken.

Back Row: G W Hill, H H Haye, C W Sharman, B Stuckenberg, W M Diepeveen, D G N Munro, B A Burke, G Rosendorff.

(1973), who probably lives in New Zealand. However, his address is listed as unknown on our Old Rhodian Mailing List.

Grant Duff (1980) and his wife, **Yvonne (Redfern 1981)**, live in Pretoria. Yvonne recently completed her Master's degree in English at Wits, despite the birth of the couple's son during the course of her studies. Grant is completing his MCom degree at the University of Pretoria on aspects of computer auditing and is currently employed as a computer audit specialist in Pretoria.

Karen Duff (1984) lives in Johannesburg and works in the computer field.

Roy Duff (1957) is currently the director of a Johannesburg-based oil company.

Rodney Edgecombe (1970) is a senior lecturer in the department of English at the University of Cape Town. His book on Patrick White has recently been published in the United States of America.

Darryl Egnal (1984) works in the production department of a large magazine publishing company in Johannesburg and edits the in-house staff newsletter.

Ronald Evans (1978) lives in New York where he works for a firm of chartered accountants. He works with two fellow Old Rhodians **Michael Hawthorne (1978)** and **Garth Puchert (1983)**.

Lindsay Forster (Walker 1977) decided to venture into computer science when she left Rhodes and subsequently graduated with a BSc (Information Systems), through UNISA. She then spent a year working in the United Kingdom to gain practical experience, and followed this up with an extended holiday on the Continent, and toured the United States of America. She now lives in Bulawayo with her husband and young son.

Dennis Fuge (1970) and his wife, **Alyson (1970)**, live in Kowloon, Hong Kong where their second child was born in August last year. Dennis is the regional marketing director of an international firm.

Alan Gardiner (1983) is a researcher at a large citrus estate in Zimbabwe.

Johan Geyser (1974) spent some time in the Parachute Battalion after leaving Rhodes, followed by a stint as a reporter for a newspaper in Durban. He then entered medical school and qualified as a doctor in 1984. Johan

now works in Swaziland where he helps to run a two-doctor hospital for a large sugar concern. He is anxious to contact the friends he made at Rhodes.

Ian Gough (1940) is now Emeritus Professor of Geophysics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and is the ex-president of the International Union of Geology and Geophysics. He was recently awarded the Chapman Medal by the Royal Astronomical Society, London, for his work in developing and exploiting magnetometer arrays to study both external current systems in the ionosphere and magnetosphere, and induced currents within the Earth. This medal is awarded every three years for outstanding achievements in Geophysics.

Keith Gray (1969) and his wife, **Rosheen (1968)** settled in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1987. Keith is a management consultant and Rosheen teaches at a village school. Rosheen writes that they have met a couple of Old Rhodians there, and hope to organize an OR get-together soon.

Liz Hadwen (Davies 1968) has been appointed Schools Liaison Officer in the Rhodes University Johannesburg Office.

Linda Hansen (Campbell 1971) lives in the United States where she works for a real estate appraisal company as a commercial and residential reports review editor. She has a six-year-old daughter and hopes to return to South Africa soon. We note from her address that Linda (Twiggy) lives at a place called Phelps House in Port St. Lucie. Wonder if she was in res in Phelps House at Rhodes?

Jim Heaton (1969) writes from Lancashire in the United Kingdom that "Maggie T's revolution has transformed industry and Britain's national commercial self-esteem." Jim works for a family textile business which is rapidly being modernized. His wife, **Cherry (Wood 1969)** has her time cut out looking after the couple's three daughters and an acre-and-a-half of garden.

Carl Hofmeyr (1975) has been appointed Professor of Organizational Behaviour at the UNISA School of Business Leadership.

Anne Hutchings (Buchanan 1982) and her husband, Jonathan, recently returned to South Africa after 15 months of overseas travel. They are now both teaching at St Mark's College in Sekukuneland.

Cora Jardine (Fox 1950) and her family settled in Cape Town in 1979 where her husband is an ophthalmologist in private practice after many years of mission work in Namibia and the Transkei.

Ivor Kaplan (1971) lives in Sydney, Australia, where he practices as a solicitor. He is married, with two children.

Erika Kelbrick (Lemmer 1976) works as a researcher at the National Institute for Personnel Research. She married in 1985 and has a son, born in June last year.

David Kettle (1975) and his wife, **Liane (1977)**, live in Bracknell, England. David is the registration manager for a pharmaceutical company.

Michael King (1969) teaches English at Bishops in Rondebosch. He has been the editor of English Alive since 1982 and his own publications include *The Fool and Other Poems*. He has also been the assistant editor of *Contrast* since 1987.

Ronald Laxton (1977) moved from Grahamstown to Johannesburg recently, after two years as Chaplain of Kingswood College. He has gone into business with a group of friends, sell-

ing and supporting a microcomputer-based accounting system.

Pauline Lewis (1986) would like all her OR friends to know that she is now living in Cocoa, Central Florida. She writes that doing her Master's degree in Music at Rhodes was like coming home, as she attended the Grahams-town Training College from 1943 until 1946. She is presently teaching at an interim college, which is attended by students who intend furthering their studies at a university.

Desmond Lovemore (1945) is the regional co-ordinator for the EEC-funded regional Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis control programmes of Malawi, Mocambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He is working on a long-term project aimed at reclaiming the Zambezi Valley Fly Belt.



Mr Glen Merryweather

Glen Merryweather (1964) (above) of the Professional Pharmacy Awareness Campaign, visited Rhodes in November last year to speak to students about the campaign. He was invited to Rhodes by the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Glen, who holds a Bsc (Pharm) degree from Rhodes, a BCom from UNISA and an MBA from the University of Cape Town, said that the Professional Pharmacy Awareness Campaign was started to counter the consumer swing towards supermarkets for pharmaceutical products, as well as make the public more aware of the professional services offered by pharmacists.

Mick (R H W) McGee (1939, 1946) retired as the headmaster of Diggelford School, Marondera, Zimbabwe in 1968 to farm in Matabeleland. He came to South Africa in 1981 and taught at Marist Brothers and St Dominic's Priory in Port Elizabeth until 1988 when his wife died. He has retired to a farm at St Albans, outside Port Elizabeth.

Alan Maker (1963) was invited to give the Convocation Address at the opening of the academic year at Princeton Theological Seminary in the United States of America in September last year.

Jenie Masey (1983) has successfully completed her intermediate LLB year, at the University of Cape Town, earning herself a place on the Dean's Merit List.

Lesli Massart (1977) now lives and works in Cardiff in the United Kingdom where she is an assistant director for the Confederation of British Industry. Before moving to England, Lesli worked as a journalist in South West Africa/Namibia and for a publishing house in Johannesburg.

Elizabeth Miller (1968) has returned to South Africa from a spell in Amsterdam in Holland.

Michael Moore (1952) is the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. He will be succeeded by **Douglas Bax (1953)**, who lectured in Theology at Rhodes in the 1970s.

Hugh Morton (1965) has been senior lecturer in Statistics at Massey University, Palmerston, New Zealand, for eight years. His academic specialization is in statistical and mathematical applications in the bio-medical field, primarily exercise physiology. He recently returned from a four-month stay in Vancouver, Canada, where he was Visiting Professor in the School of Kinesiology at Simon Fraser University. He is married to a New Zealander and has two daughters.

Vaughan Murray (1971) has moved to Omaruru, Namibia where he is the accounts and administration manager for a firm producing oil, margarine and peanuts. He writes that he is still studying through UNISA, gets around very well in his wheelchair and is very involved in the Namibian softball scene. Vaughan would love to hear from **Sandra Blackbeard (1972)** and **Jean McKenzie (1972)**.

Mike O'Grady (1962) has been elected to the Board of Afrox.

Jock Omond (1928) was rewarded for his outstanding service to Eastern Province tennis by receiving administrative colours at the Eastern Province Tennis Association's annual meeting in March. Together with Frank Lock, Jock started the Eastern Province Umpires' Association in 1958 and served as its chairman for 15 years. He writes that umpiring some difficult players was not an easy task. As he was one of the few graded South African umpires willing to umpire under these conditions, he had the opportunity to umpire at Wimbledon in 1972 and 1974, and at Forest Hills in the United States in 1975.

Roy Osborne (1962) has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the science faculty of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg following the submission of his thesis entitled *An investigation into invitro culture and phytochemical aspects of some members of the order Cycadales*.

Patrick Palmer (1967) was recently invited to read a paper at the Fifth World Congress of the International Institute for Social Economics held at the University of York, England. The title of the paper was *The strategic management of viability projects in the context of South Africa's regional industrial development programme*.

Mike Reid (1974) and his family moved to Taipei, Taiwan, in January this year, where Mike is the manager of the Taipei Branch of the Standard Bank.

Rev A Rodger (1973) has been appointed General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa. He was previously a minister at St John, the Evangelist Church in Parkmore, Sandton, where he worked with OR **Ian Macintosh (1947)**, who is now the Anglican Chaplain at the Johannesburg Hospital.

Angela Strachan (Berry 1983) is working as a secretary and marketing manager for the industrial and textiles division of an international company in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Michael Swikkard (1971) lives in Perth, Australia, where he works for a firm of solicitors, together with OR **David Burton (1965)**.

Eric Serebro (1969) and his wife, **Esther (1970)** live in Johannesburg. Eric is the pharmacy manager of a private nursing home and Esther practices as a beauty therapist.

Jeremy Schearar (1949) is the South African Ambassador to the United Nations, based in New York. He has

been actively involved in negotiations with the United Nations over the South West Africa/Namibia peace negotiations and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

John Sibley (1970) writes from Beckenham that he returned to England from Zimbabwe in 1974 and spent a year in industry. He then moved to South East London where he was head of English at a local school for 10 years. He is now head of the French department at the same school. John visited Rhodes last year for the first time in 18 years and says he found the place quite unrecognizable!

Brian Smith (1970) is the director of human resources for Volkswagen South Africa. He has been with the company since 1981 and was previously their employee relations manager.

Kathy Sole (1980) is now living in the United States, and is studying at the University of Arizona where she has registered for her PhD in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. She writes that it is a wonderful experience and that she enjoys life in America very much.

Gary Solomon (1977) and his wife, **Bernadette (Stobbs 1977)** will be able to observe the "doings of the Ewings" first hand from their new home in Dallas, Texas.

Murray Spalding (1982) married **Genevieve White (1983)** in April last year. The Spaldings now live in Durban where Murray is a consultant for an insurance company. Genevieve obtained a diploma in interior design in Cape Town and works as an interior designer in the commercial field.

Iain Thompson (1957) works in Spain for an international company, but spends frequent weekends in Kent, England where his wife, **Gill (Robinson 1962)** keeps the home fires burning. The couple has two children, both of whom are now grown up.

Susan Thompson (1983) lives in Middleburg where she works as a computer analyst/programmer.

Julia Thorborn (Evans 1970) lives in the United Kingdom, after living in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for 11 years. She and her five-year-old twin daughters visited friends and family in South Africa recently. While staying with her father and stepmother, **(Barbara Almon 1948)** in Cape Town, Julia renewed contact with **Sue Harsant (1970)** who teaches at Bergvliet High School. At Easter last year Julia and her family spent a holiday in Perth

with **Ant Wetmore (1970)** and his wife, **Cheryl (Olds 1970)**.

Rob Tribblehorn (1963) is the manager of Goodyear's tyre section.

Vivienne von der Heyden (Horn 1975) writes from Kommetjie that since leaving Rhodes she has taught in East London, Johannesburg and Cape Town and has done her "grand tour" of Europe. For the past couple of years she has had a full time career at home as a wife and mother of two young sons.

David Wicks (1980) is the personnel/industrial relations officer for a large pharmaceutical company in East London, where he is surrounded by Old Rhodians - including **Mike Newson (1981)**, **Stuart Reid (1983)**, **John Littlefield (1979)**, **Jill Wilke (1982)**, **Christine Deist (1981)**, **Diane Kriel (Houzet 1979)** and **Kim Stanham (Marsink 1981)**. Since taking up his new position, David has managed to recruit two more OR's to join the happy throng - **Terri Henry (1982)** and **Douglas Defty (1980)**.

Cheryl Wiggins (Anderson 1983) is married to a tobacco farmer and lives in the Tengwe farming area, near Karoi, in Zimbabwe.

Les Wright (1963) lives near London where he works as a free-lance consulting management accountant.

Obituaries

Alison Bean (1981) on January 19, 1989.

L Belchetz (1926) on December 31, 1988.

Andrew Booysen (1975) in a car accident in July, 1988.

Angus de Klerk (1980) on September 25, 1988.

Sir Athol Evans (1924) at his home in Harare, in May, 1988. A distinguished former civil servant, and a great philanthropist, Sir Athol was a family man who loved Zimbabwe and its peoples dearly. Born in 1904, he was educated at Victoria High School in Grahamstown before studying at Rhodes, where he obtained his BA in economics and Roman law. He was appointed Secretary for Internal Affairs in the then Rhodesia in 1952. Sir Athol was knighted during Queen Elizabeth's new Year's honours ceremony in 1963.

James Gordon (1950) in January, 1988, in Barnet, London, after a prolonged illness. He was in the Land Survey class at Rhodes, but went on to graduate at the University of Cape Town. Until his retirement in 1985 he worked for the MCC and Greater London Council where he was the principal surveyor and minerals officer.

Sir W K Hancock (1951) on August 13, 1988.

David Hanson (1946) in December 1988. At the time of his death, Mr Hanson was the Board of Governor's representative on the Rhodes University Council and lived in Port Alfred. He was president of the Institute of Personnel Management in 1968, 1974 and 1975 and was well-known for his enthusiasm for the cause of excellence in Human Resources Management.

After graduating from Rhodes, Mr Hanson taught at St Andrews, Bloemfontein. While teaching there, he completed his BSc Honours degree and went on to obtain his MSc cum laude.

Mr Hanson's expertise in industrial relations was renown and his services in this field continued to be in demand long after his retirement.

Mrs H Hipkin (Wood 1929) in 1988.

Cornelius Human (1984) in April, 1989. An honorary graduate, Dr Human was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) in April, 1984. He trained in commerce at Stellenbosch University and joined Federale Volksbeleggings Beperk in 1947 as a financial assistant. He served this company for 37 years, rising to the position of company chairman. The company funded a chair in Electronics at Rhodes, as Dr Human recognized the need to develop greater manpower skills in this area.

He served on the board of the Manpower and Management Foundation of Southern Africa; was vice-president of the South Africa Foundation, and was a member of the National Council of the Urban Foundation. Deeply interested in nature and conservation, Dr Human also served on the Board of Trustees of the National Botanic Gardens and the South African Nature Foundation.

Ron Mitchell (1933) in Harare, Zimbabwe, in October, 1988. He was a former main board director of the Astra Corporation and manager of the company's pension fund. After graduating from Rhodes with his BCom degree, he joined the Income Tax department in Salisbury, as it was then, in 1936. He became a chartered accountant just after the outbreak of the Second World War and volunteered for the Air Force. He became a pilot officer, was shot

down over Germany in 1942 and spent two-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, four children and several grandchildren.

George Munro (1946) on May 19, 1989.

W Paterson (1945) on October 6th, 1988.

N Poovan (1980) in January 1989.

M E van Gend (1976) in 1988

Mrs E H Wade (1952) on February 9, 1989.

I E William-Jones (1979) on February 16, 1988.

Leslie Wilmot (1973) in Grahamstown, in July, 1988. At the time of her death, Leslie was the librarian in the Department of Education at Rhodes. She is survived by her husband, **Brian (Bugs, 1969)**, the Director of the Albany Museum in Grahamstown, and two children.

Dr David Webster (1967) was brutally assassinated outside his home in Troyville, Johannesburg on May 1, 1989.

On learning of his tragic death, the following statement was issued by the Rhodes University Lecturers' Association: "On the morning of May 1 (Workers' Day), while returning from a nursery with plants for his garden, David Webster was shot in the back by masked gunmen in a white car outside his home in Troyville, Johannesburg. "David Webster, (PhD 1975), was a senior lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand, and one of the best students the Department of Anthropology at Rhodes ever had.

"In recent years he became heavily involved in public life via the Five Freedoms Forum, the Detainees' Parents Support Committee and the UDF Cultural Committee, but he was, from the outset, extremely active in his profession as well.

"David was, above all, a scholar and

made valuable contributions to the ethnography of the Chopi of Mozambique and the coastal communities of Kwazulu, as well as more applied research, such as poverty in Soweto; the recent unrest and, ironically, political intimidation and assassination.

"An exceptionally fine human being, a congenial colleague and a brilliant academic who also had a social conscience, David will be sorely missed - he certainly will never be replaced.

"The lecturers of Rhodes University extend their deepest sympathies to his companion, Maggie Friedman, to his parents and to his colleagues at Wits. They also wish to express their horror at the circumstances of his death."

A memorial service for Dr Webster, organized by the Rhodes University Staff Association, was held at Rhodes, in the Chapel of St Mary and All the Angels on May 18, 1989.



Mourners at David Webster's funeral